

Nada Jerkovic

Nada is currently the Manager of Literacy Programs at CanLearn. She has worked in family and adult literacy for over twenty years, serving in various roles: instructor, coordinator, program developer, professional development facilitator, and regional family literacy network coordinator. Nada's background includes teaching experience at elementary, high school and community college levels. Nada's work is rooted in the belief that learning is foundational to life success.

Jayne Clarke

Jayne is currently a Literacy Coordinator at Canlearn. She began as a volunteer with Magic Carpet Ride as it was getting off the ground and then became an assistant coordinator for the program. Jayne has been involved with and facilitated both family and adult literacy programs for over twenty years. Jayne's experience also includes literacy specialist activities such as Plain Language and Literacy Awareness workshops and Workplace Literacy. Jayne is currently facilitating Magic Carpet Ride, Learning Starts at Home, Reading Connections and Taking charge programs. A dedicated Early Childhood and Literacy educator, Jayne's greatest satisfaction comes from knowing how she helps the adults in her programs to reach their goals. Jayne has an Early Childhood Education diploma from MRU, Foundations in Family Literacy from Vancouver Community College, Literacy Specialist and Work Up training, and keeps up to date with the newest research and best practices.

Misty Fuchs

Misty is currently a Family Literacy Facilitator at CanLearn, dedicated to helping children and their parents/caregivers learn literacy skills that they can implement into their day-to-day lives. She takes great joy in meeting and working with families and loves to celebrate their successes! Misty has a Bachelor of Education Degree from the University of Calgary and has spent the last 17 years as an Elementary Teacher with the Calgary Board of Education. She supports the concept that parents/caregivers are their child's first teacher and that modelling supportive parent-child interactions and providing parents/guardians with activities to help their children with language acquisition ultimately benefits the whole family. This inter-generational approach supports Learning, basic skill, and confidence development for everyone involved. Misty looks forward to using her education, training, and skills to help families learn and grow together.

Eileen Coughlan

Eileen is an Adult Literacy Facilitator with CanLearn. She has over 20 years of teaching and tutoring experience. She has taught English and writing skills at the college and university level and has facilitated elementary students' literacy programs. Eileen is a writer, and her writing experience involves developing educational materials, corporate communications, magazine articles, and two published fiction novels. She has taught numerous creative writing classes. She has a B.A. in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Communications. Eileen takes great joy in seeing people reach their learning goals.

Sandy Ireland

Sandy Ireland is currently a Literacy Coordinator at CanLearn. She has been a member of our literacy team for more than 20 years. She has facilitated Learning Starts at Home, Magic Carpet Ride, and WordPlay. She also taught the three-year-old program at a community preschool for eight years. Sandy's education includes early childhood education and numerous certifications from seminars and workshops in the field of literacy. Sandy has worked with many families and is passionate about helping them build knowledge, skills, desire and devotion to becoming lifelong learners.

Kim Parke

Kim Parke is a member of the Family Literacy team at the CanLearn Society. For the past 15 years, she has had the pleasure of supporting adult and family literacy through programs such as Learning Starts at Home, WordPlay and Magic Carpet Ride. Kim values the many learning opportunities she has had supporting families' diverse strengths, abilities, and perspectives and celebrates the relationships she has made by meeting families worldwide. A native of Toronto, Ontario, Kim holds a B.A. from the University of Waterloo.

Shreya Bandyopadhyay

Shreya is currently a Literacy Program Facilitator at CanLearn and works with learners of all ages in the Community Access to Literacy Learning and WordPlay programs. Her education includes a B.A. in History and a BEd in Secondary Education. She greatly values the opportunity to work together with learners to reach their goals and enjoys learning from and alongside them. Shreya takes joy in seeing people gain confidence as they continue their learning journeys.

Shannon Bannister

Shannon is currently an Adult Foundational Learning facilitator at CanLearn. Shannon worked with older adults in her former role and did various planning, program development, and learning facilitation for a municipal government and a busy seniors' centre. Shannon's educational background is rooted in Ecotourism and Outdoor Leadership, followed by a Bachelor of Education and then a Master of Education. She has a passion for literacy and lifelong learning and takes great joy in helping others succeed and reach their learning goals.

Jeb Gaudet

Jeb is an Adult Math Facilitator with CanLearn. He has worked with adult math learners as an instructor and tutor for the past seven years. Jeb has experience working with all levels of Learning, from foundational to post-graduate and everything in-between. He takes great joy from helping people discover their brilliance and is passionate about making math education available to all.



Literacy Staff

Sarah Grunau

Sarah has served as a Literacy Facilitator with CanLearn for six years. She loves to empower people of all ages to grow their confidence and competence as learners. She gets to do just that as she facilitates various programs, including Learning Starts at Home, Reading Connections, and Magic Carpet Ride. Through CanLearn, Sarah has the opportunity to work with learners with diversities of all kinds, which she highly values. Her background is in early childhood, elementary, and adult education.